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THE NÆSSES

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NORWEGIAN NAMES, NORWEGIAN FARMS

Only for our Norwegian ancestry must I explain the country's naming customs and farm ownership. The Næss genealogy will not make sense otherwise.

Until about 1900, Norwegians used a patronymic system; in other words, individuals were identified by the first names of their fathers. A boy would be known by his first name and his father's first name plus "son," and a girl would be known by her first name and her father's first name plus "daughter." Examples are my great-great-grandparents Anders Olsen, son of Ole Larsen, and Edel Iversdatter, daughter of Iver Reiersen.

Of course duplicate names were common. However, for formal records such as tax rolls, they also were identified by the name of the farm they lived on at the time.

Beginning in 1923 the government required everyone to adopt a surname that would be passed from one generation to the next. My great-grandfather Edvard eventually used the name his father used, Næss. However, he was called Olsen (his father's patronymic name) in the 1865 census, and his daughter's family Bible has his name as Edvard Andersen (his own patronymic name—Anders' son) Næss. His daughter (my grandmother) was listed in the Bible as Karen Elise Andersen (not Andersdatter or Edvardsdatter or Næss). His son is listed as Adolf Andersen Næss. Edvard's wife, daughter of Knud Nirissen, is listed as Karen Olea Knudsen rather than Knudsdatter.

Because our Norwegian ancestors could adopt whichever surname they chose, and because siblings often chose different names, genealogy research is complicated.

Our family gets its farm name from one of the Nes farms. Næs, or Næss, which means a promontory or headland, is a fairly common name in Norway. There, it has generally been changed to Nes. There are at least fifteen Nes farms in Norway.



Nes farm 81, bruk 9, Kvelde, Vestfold County, Norway, 2016. Courtesy of Google Maps.

Our ancestors were from Næss (or Nes) farm no. 81 in the Kvelde parish, Hedrum municipality/township of Jarlsberg og Larviks Amt (now Vestfold County). The farm has been there since the 1300s.

Kristen Ellefsen owned Nes "brukerpart" no. 2 (half of the original big farm) from 1724 to 1774. In 1766, he divided his portion in half to give to each of his two sons-in-law. "Bruk" (part) 9, also called bruk 19 and known as Nordstua and later in 1953 as Bergli, was given to Hans Isaksen of the Nordkvelde Søndre farm, who had married Kristen's daughter Anne Kristensdatter Naess. (Son-in-law Herbrand Sørensen's half was bruk no. 14.) Because Kristen Ellefsen had owned only half of the farm, each son-in-law now owned a quarter of it.

Hans Isaksen and his first wife (Kristen Ellefsen's daughter) had two sons, but each of them died at about age 34. She died in 1787, but Hans retained ownership of bruk no. 9 and the name Næss. The same year, he married Anne Kristensdatter of a neighboring farm, Farmen. Hans and his second wife are our ancestors.

Note that both of Hans's wives had the same name because each had a father named Kristen; they were distinguished by the names of the farms they were from. Note also that neither Hans Isaksen nor his second wife was a blood relative of the previous owner, but they and their descendants now owned the farm and the name. Their first daughter, born in 1788, was Anne Kirstine Hansdatter Næss.

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ANNE KIRSTINE HANSDATTER, NÆSS, AND OLE LARSEN

In 1819, Hans Isaksen Næss's oldest daughter, Anne Kirstine Hansdatter Næss, married Ole Larsen. He had come to the Næss farm from nearby Ludal, which is part of Fjære. He dropped the farm name of Ludal and took the Næss name as was the custom. It appears he was a tenant at first.

Anne's father died in 1823 and her mother in 1832. In 1835, Ole became the owner of half of the farm and Anne's brother Anders got a leasehold on the other half (bruk no. 10)—in other words, each now held an eighth of Nes farm no. 81. (What happened between 1832 and 1835 is not clear.) Ole apparently had to pay annual rent and take on a debt—whether a debt of his in-laws' or some kind of mortgage I can't tell.

Ole and Anne's children were Lars, born 1819; Helene, 1821; Anders, born 1824; Kristen, born 1827; and Bernt, born 1830.

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IVER REIERSEN, MANGELRØD, AND ANNE PEDERSDATTER, NÆSS

Iver, born on the Mangelrød farm in Kvelde in 1774, owned Sundby Østre bruk no. 3 from 1798 until his death. He obtained it by marrying the widow (Pernille Henriksdatter, Nes) of the man who owned the farm before (Anders Jonsen, Vestby). The Mangelrød farm is just south of the Nes farm, and the Sundby farm is across the river Låger from both of them.

Iver was married three times; Anne became his second wife in 1819. Their daughter, Edel Andrea, married Anders Olsen of Næss bruk no. 9 (younger son of the owner, Ole Larsen Næss).

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ANDERS OLSEN, NÆSS, AND EDEL ANDREA IVERSDATTER, SUNDBY ØSTRE

Anders Olsen, born on the Næss farm to Ole Larsen and Anne Kirstine Hansdatter in 1824, was a “husman” who occupied and worked a small landholding on a farm in the Kvelde parish of the Hedrum township. In 1845, he married Edel Andrea Iversdatter, born in 1827 on the Sundby Østre farm to Iver Reiersen, Mangelrød, and Anne Pedersdatter, Næss. The farms were just across the river Låger from each other.

Anders’ older brother, Lars, inherited the Næss family farm. By the time of the 1865 census, Anders and his family were living in Larvik but still using Næss as a surname. All of his children had the surname of Olsen (Anders’ patronymic name) rather than Andersen (what would have been the traditional patronymic name). Anders was now working as a carpenter.

They had six children: Hans Anton (birth date unknown), Maren Andrea (born 1849), Ole (1853), Karen Marie (1858), Edvard (1861), and Anne Petrea (1864).



Anders Olsen and Edel Andrea Iversdatter. Scan of photocopy, courtesy of Finn Rønning.

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KNUD NIRRISEN AND KAREN OLSDATTER

Knud Nirrisen/Nerissen was born to Niri Knudsen and Anne Karine Mathiasdatter on the Gulset farm in the Gjerpen parish outside of Skien, Bratsberg (now Telemark) County, Norway, on August 8, 1821. He married Olea Nilsdatter, daughter of Nils Olsen and Helene Andersdatter, on February 5, 1854, in Stavern, near Larvik, Jarlsberg og Larviks Amt (now Vestfold County), Norway. She died there August 25, 1858.

Knud and Karen Olsdatter, daughter of Ole Halversen and Gunnild Eivindsdatter Bjorntvedt, had a daughter out of wedlock in Gjerpen parish October 22, 1862, and named her Karen Olea.

Karen Olsdatter had been born in 1830 in Solum Parish. She had had an illegitimate daughter with Halvor Halvorsen in Solum September 5, 1854. That daughter's name was Hannah Caroline.

Karen Olsdatter and Knud Nirrisen were married in Solum June 14, 1863. They and the two girls were living at Fantenberg in 1865. Fantenberg is in the Solum parish (south of Skotfoss and southeast of Skien in the area of Porsgrunn). Many workers, sailors, and craftsmen lived in a couple hundred houses there in the nineteenth century.

Knud was living with his daughter (Karen) Olea in the 1900 census.



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EDVARD ANDERSEN AND KAREN OLEA (KNUDSEN) NÆSS

Edvard Andersen Næss, son of Anders Olsen Næss, married Karen Olea Knudsen, daughter of Knud Nirrissen, in Larvik in Jarlsberg og Larviks Amt (now Vestfold County) August 10, 1884. They had a son, Adolf, born October 10, 1884, and a daughter, Karen Elise, born September 20, 1886.

It seems that sometimes they used Andersen (son of Anders) as their last name, and sometimes they used Næss (after the farm Edvard's father came from). In the 1900 census, the first and last names are listed as Edvard Næss, Olea Knudsdatter, Adolf Næss, Elise Næss, and Knud Nerissen (Olea's father).

By 1900 they had moved to the village of Skotfoss near Skien in Bratsberg (now Telemark) County. Edvard worked at Skotfoss Bruk, the paper mill. He made patterns in wood (molds) for casting for machinery.



Probably Olea Knudsen Næss around time of marriage, Larvik, Vestfold, Norway



Probably Adolf and Elise Næss, about 1887, Larvik

He also loved photography and took most of the snapshots in this section.

He and his wife were Lutheran as were most Norwegians. Olea was very strict and observed the Sabbath. Once Elise was admiring a pair of new shoes on the way to church so they were taken away from her as a punishment.

Elise emigrated to America in 1904, and Adolf died of tuberculosis in a sanitarium in 1910. Other than a visit from Elise and her first daughter from 1911 to 1912, Edvard and Olea had an empty nest for most of their long lives. They sent gifts to Elise, and Olea wrote repeatedly to Elise and her children begging for letters and additional visits. Edvard enjoyed photography, and they sent snapshots with the letters.

During World War II, they suffered through the German occupation of Norway that lasted from April 9, 1940, until May 8, 1945. Edvard died on December 4, 1943.

In August 1945, Olea wrote to her American granddaughter Florence with the help of a student who translated, "The war has been a hard and sharing time. Especially for old people was it very difficult and troublesome to endure the psysical [sic] pressure. Food was often, and still is, scarce and bad. However, the restrictions and bondage was the worst of all. And the Germans did not care about old people, because they could not work for them and help them to win (or to lose) the war. Therefore we were put upon smaller rations than young people."

Olea died around October 12, 1945, of a heart attack after having heart trouble for a couple of years. Elise eventually received a modest inheritance from her.



Probably Olea



Elise and Olea at a Christiana (Oslo)
studio, Christmas 1901



Skotfoss. This photo probably by Edvard Næss. See photo below of interior of the church on the right side of this photo.



Photo by Ragnvald Nyblin, 1901. Courtesy of National Library of Norway via Wikimedia Commons.



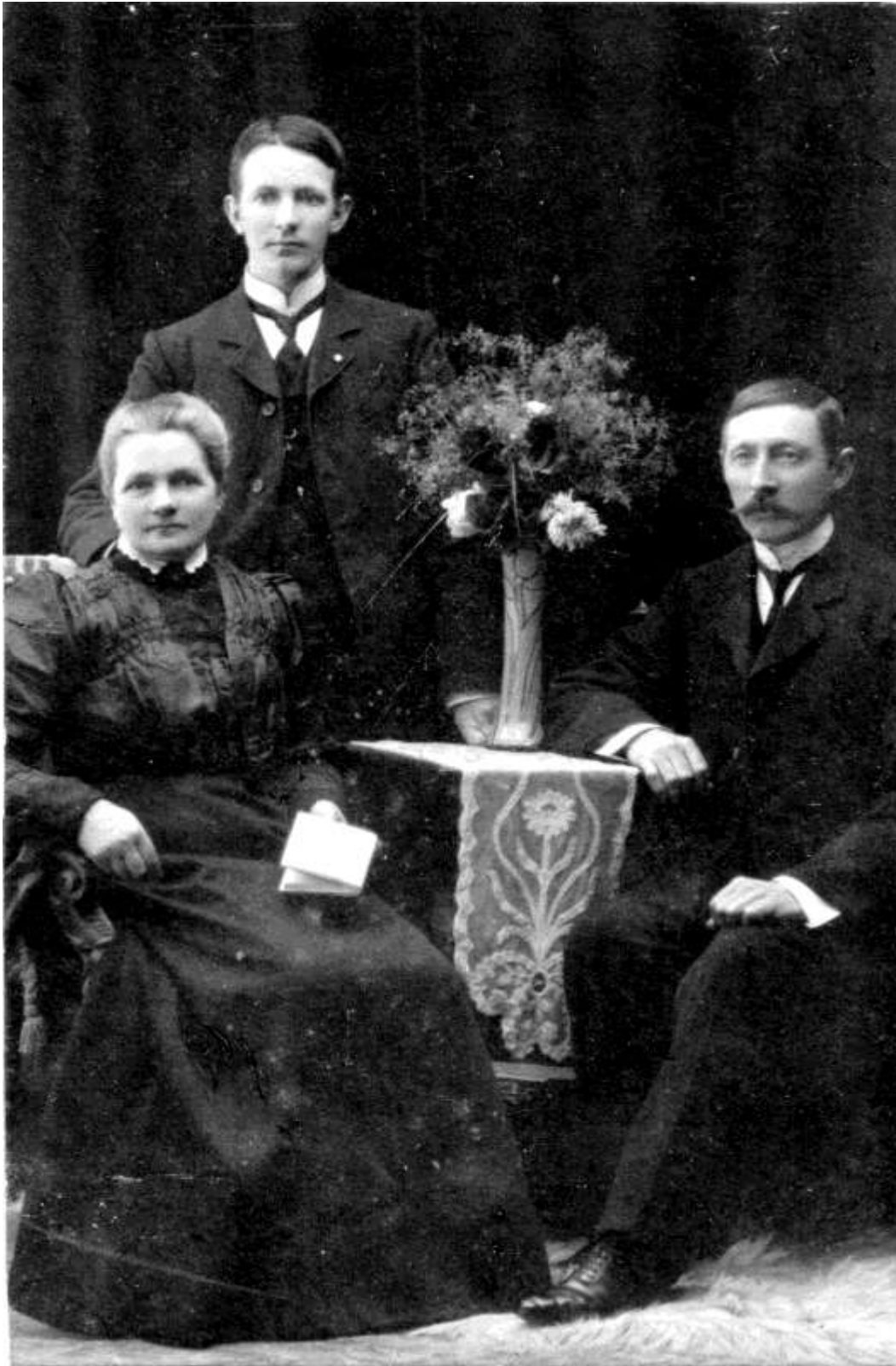
Adolf Næss



Adolf Næss (also below)



Portrait wall in Edvard and Olea's home. All of these are included elsewhere in this document.



Olea and Edvard Næss with son Adolf between 1904 and 1910



Elise with daughter Florence during visit
about 1911



Edvard with granddaughter Florence



Olea in her garden



Edvard with his paper





Not a clear photo, but it shows Adolf's grave



Also a poor quality photo, but it shows one of Olea's houseplants and her cat





Olea wrote on the back of this photo: "You can see that I'm small and old. The latest illness has made it hard to take care of Mother and keep the garden. It is often a little difficult having half the help now. I trust you see Mama isn't pretty."

KAREN ELISE ANDERSEN NÆSS/NESS

Elise was born in 1886 in Larvik and moved with her parents and brother to Skotfoss some time before 1900. Although her parents were comfortable financially, perhaps even well off, Elise decided to emigrate to America when she was 18 just for the adventure. It simply “was the thing to do,” one of her daughters said.



She traveled out of Kristiana/Christiana (now Oslo) on the steamship *United States* September 8, 1904, and arrived at Ellis Island, New York City, September 19. She appears on the ship's list as Elise A. Næss.

She went directly to Chicago by train. Her aunt and uncle (Al Rogeberg according to the ship's list) were supposed to meet her but didn't. Not knowing what a risk it was, she showed the written address to a hansom driver and he took her there safely. I have not been able to identify a link between our family and the Rogeborgs.



Elise Ness, Blue Island,
Illinois

Elise worked as a house maid (for the Lynn family, according to one of her daughters). She learned to speak and write English quickly by reading things like comics and following newspaper stories such as a famous Hollywood murder. The cook taught her, too.

At her last employer, she went home with another maid on days off (one of her daughters thought the woman's name was Mamie Fritz) and met a neighbor, Roy Barrows. Even though Elise's parents were well to do, Roy's family considered her below them (at least at first) because she was an immigrant.

She became pregnant and was unmarried when she gave birth to Florence in Blue Island, Illinois, August 24, 1908. She and Roy were married by a police magistrate in Blue Island the next day. They always told their children they were married November 3 the year before but didn't live together until Florence was born.



Elise's last name is spelled "Ness" in the marriage record and transcribed as "Ness" in Ellis Island records online.

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Næss family Bible. Viewed and transcribed, 1984. Not in my possession.

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THE MOTHER LEFT BEHIND

Have you ever wondered about the family members left behind when people decided to move to America? Olea Næss was one of them.

In 1904, when her daughter Elise was about 18, Elise decided to come to the USA. Olea missed her for the rest of her life.

The first stories I heard about Olea made me sympathize with my grandmother's decision to leave. Olea was strict when Elise was growing up. And when my grandmother took her first child, Florence, back to Norway to visit Olea and Edvard in 1912, Olea tried to talk her into divorcing my American grandfather and staying in Norway. (If Elise had agreed to do that, I would not be here now.)

Olea was always begging her daughter to write, but for whatever reason or reasons, my grandmother rarely complied. My mother and her sisters tried to fill the gap.

But, as there always is, there was more to this woman.

Olea loved Elise unconditionally. She was always sending much-needed money and gifts to my grandmother's family. My grandfather worked as a



I think this is a beautiful photo of Olea, so I was surprised to find she'd written on the back (in Norwegian), "Taken when I was sick, hair is white and so you lose almost everything."

teamster when they weren't trying to scratch out a living on a stump farm (former forest land) in northern Wisconsin in the 1920s, and my grandparents were never prosperous. The family was the reverse of the stereotype of impoverished immigrants arriving in America, achieving the American dream, and sending money back to the old country.

My grandmother's brother, still in Norway, died in 1910, leaving Olea and her husband Edvard with an empty nest for the next 30 years. Looking at it from that point of view, I began to sympathize with Olea.

My great-grandfather died December 4, 1943, during the German occupation of Norway. One of Olea's last letters (if not the last) to my Aunt Florence, dated August 10, 1945, was filled with pain.

By then Florence was married and the mother of two boys herself. Some excerpts—

I congratulate you as a mamma once again. You now have got another soldier to fight for America. But I heartily wish that he will not live so long as to see another war. We have had quite enough of war now.

According to your cards your family has taken great part in the war. But I hope they shall all return healthy and unhurt to their homes. (Today we got good news: Japan will give in!) And peace is not far away!

You understand that I am still alive, though things might have been better. I think you know that Edvard died in December 1943....An organic disease of the heart makes me much trouble all the time.

I have no economical troubles. The loneliness is worse than all. I wish that one of you could come to me here in Norway, and stand here until I am gone. Please, try to do that!

Florence, dear! Ask Elise whether she can't write to me, and tell me how she is doing.

Olea died October 10, 1945—two months after dictating this letter to a student who would translate it into English for her, twelve days short of her 83rd birthday and seven years before I was born.

I would have written to her.

NÆSS FARM HISTORY, CONTINUED

Ole Larsen lived to 1882, but he turned over his eighth of the farm to his and Anne's oldest son, Lars, in 1850. Lars passed it on to his son Kristian in 1887. In 1889 Kristian gave half of his holdings to his brother; Anton's share became bruk no. 24. Kristian stayed single and bequeathed the remaining sixteenth of the property to his half-sister, Grethe, and her husband Severin in 1925.

When Grethe Larsdatter Næss married Severin Johansen Kommedal (near Bonnegolt), six of their seven children took the last name of Johansen. Kristian, the son who inherited the Næss farm (and his children) took the last name of Næss.

Grethe and Severin owned bruk no. 9 until 1955, when their son Kristian took it over. Kristian then bought bruk no. 24 back so he had an eighth of the farm again. He married Kathrine Holm in 1943, and they had five children, all of whom are still living to my knowledge. Kristian died in 1988, and one of his children owns the farm now.

The Nes farm produces eggs, chickens, and potatoes.



Undated other than "last summer." The boy on the horse is not identified. From left, the others are Edvard, Olea, and the owners of the Næss farm from 1925 to 1955, Severin Johansen and his wife, Grethe Larsdatter Næss. This would have been taken before the 1940s, when Edvard and Olea died.

NÆSS REUNION, 1965

The descendants of Ole Larsen Næss and his wife Anne Kristine held a family reunion on the Nes farm Sunday, July 4, 1965. About 650 people attended with 100 more unable to attend.

The invitations asked everyone to send family information to Anne Kristine Højjord in Kvelde so she could “set up a family record.” To my knowledge no one from the United States attended, but many submitted information.

In 2000 a cousin graciously sent me photocopies of all the names Anne Kristine compiled, and I entered them into Family Tree Maker. To my surprise and delight, I found my own name is on the list contributed by my aunt! That file is now available on FamilySearch.com by searching under Genealogies.



The Nes farm and location of the 1965 reunion. Photo courtesy of Bjarne Lysnes, 2007.

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KAREN ELISE ANDERSEN NÆSS ANCESTORS

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Edvard Andersen Næss

b: Jan 24, 1861 in Hedrum Parish, Vestfold County (formerly Jarlsberg og Laurvig), Norway
m: Aug 10, 1884 in Larvik, Vestfold, Norway
d: Dec 04, 1943 in Skotfoss Burge, Norway

Anders Olsen Næss

b: 1824 in Ness, 81-9, Hedrum, Vestfold, Norway
m: 1845 in Norway
d:

Edel Andrea Iversdatter Sundby Østre

b: 1827 in Sundby Østre 92-2, Hedrum, Vestfold, Norway
d:

Ole Larsen Næss

b: 1796 in Fjære Norway; Ludal u
m: 1819
d: 1882 in Hedrum, Vestfold Co., Norway; Naess Farm 81-9, Kvelde

Anne Kirstine Hansdatter Næss

b: 1788 in Hedrum, Vestfold Co., Norway; Naess Farm 81-9, Kvelde
d: 1874 in Hedrum, Vestfold Co., Norway; Naess Farm 81-9, Kvelde

Iver Reiersen Mangelrød

b: 1774 in Mangelrød, 93, Kvelde
m: 1819
d: 1839 in Sundby Østre 92-2, Hedrum, Vestfold, Norway

Anne Pedersdatter Naess

b: 1792
d: 1829

Karen Elise Andersen Naess

b: Sep 20, 1886 in Larvik, Vestfold County, Norway
m: Aug 25, 1908 in Blue Island, Illinois
d: Nov 13, 1964 in Chicago, Illinois

Niri Knudsen

b: Abt. 1790
m:
d:

Anne Karine Mathiasdatter

b: Abt. 1792
d:

Karen Olea Knudsen

b: Oct 22, 1862 in Gjerpen Parish, Telemark County (formerly Bratsberg), Norway
d: Oct 10, 1945 in Skotfoss pr. Skien, Norway

Knud Nirissen

b: Aug 08, 1821 in Gulset, Gjerpen Parish, Bratsberg County, Norway
m: Jun 14, 1863 in Solum, Telemark, Norway
d:

Karen Olsdatter

b: 1830 in Solum Parish, Bratsberg County, Norway
d:


Ole Halversen


b: Abt. 1780
m: Jun 22, 1825 in Eidanger, Telemark Co., Norway
d:



Gunnild Eivindsdatter Bjornvedt

b: Abt. Mar 1791 in Eidanger, Telemark Co., Norway
d:

Edvard and Olea (Knudsen) Næss Family

Husband:	Edvard Andersen Næss		
Birth:	Jan 24, 1861 in Hedrum Parish, Vestfold County (formerly Jarlsberg og Laurvig), Norway ²		
Marriage:	Aug 10, 1884 in Larvik, Vestfold, Norway		
Death:	Dec 04, 1943 in Skotfoss Burge, Norway		
Father:	Anders Olsen Næss		
Mother:	Edel Andrea Iversdatter Sundby Østre ¹		

Wife:	Karen Olea "Knudsdatter/Fantenberg" Knudsen		
Birth:	Oct 22, 1862 in Gjerpen Parish, Telemark County (formerly Bratsberg), Norway ³		
Death:	Oct 10, 1945 in Skotfoss pr. Skien, Norway		
Burial:	Oct. 15, 1945		
Father:	Knud "Nerissen" Nirissen		
Mother:	Karen "Fantenberg" Olsdatter		




Children:			
1 M	Name: Adolf Andersen Naess		
	Birth: Oct 12, 1884 in Larvik, Vestfold County, Norway ⁴		
	Death: Apr 16, 1910 ⁵		
	Burial: Apr 24, 1910		
2 F	Name: Karen Elise Andersen Naess		
	Birth: Sep 20, 1886 in Larvik, Vestfold County, Norway ⁶		
	Marriage: Aug 25, 1908 in Blue Island, Illinois ⁷		
	Death: Nov 13, 1964 in Chicago, Illinois ⁸		
	Burial: Amberg, WI ⁹		
	Spouse: Royal Valentine "Roy Ernest" Barrows ¹⁰		

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3	Bible--saw 1984		
4	Written by mother on back of portrait--but Næss Bible says Oct. 10.		
5	Written on back of photo.		
6	Bible--saw 1985; 1900 census		
7	Marriage license.		
8	Irene Barrows Spencer.		
9	Personal knowledge (LSB).		
10	Flippy Barrows photo album.		

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	Marriage:	1845 in Norway ²	
	Father:	Ole Larsen Næss	
	Mother:	Anne Kirstine Hansdatter Næss	
Wife:		Edel Andrea Iversdatter Sundby Østre ²	
	Birth:	1827 in Sundby Østre 92-2, Hedrum, Vestfold, Norway ³	
	Father:	Iver Reiersen Mangelrød	
	Mother:	Anne Pedersdatter Naess	
Children:			
1 M	Name:	Hans Anton Naess	
	Spouse:	?	
	Other Spouses:	Henriette	
2 F	Name:	Maren Andrea Næss	
	Birth:	Nov 17, 1849 in Hedrum, Vestfold, Norway ⁴	
	Marriage:	Sep 30, 1874 ⁵	
	Death:	1925 ⁵	
	Spouse:	Farmen Ole Martin Jakobsen	
3 M	Name:	Ole Andersen Ness	
	Birth:	Jun 05, 1853 ⁶	
	Death:	1892 ⁷	
	Spouse:	Annie Kjillander	
	Other Spouses:	?	
4 F	Name:	Karen Marie Naess	
	Birth:	1858 ²	
	Spouse:	Johan Frederik Pettersen	
5 M	Name:	Edvard Andersen Næss	
	Birth:	Jan 24, 1861 in Hedrum Parish, Vestfold County (formerly Jarlsberg og Laurvig), Norway ⁸	
	Marriage:	Aug 10, 1884 in Larvik, Vestfold, Norway	
	Death:	Dec 04, 1943 in Skotfoss Burge, Norway	
	Spouse:	Karen Olea "Knudsdatter/Fantenberg" Knudsen	
6 F	Name:	Anne Petrea Næss	
	Birth:	Jun 01, 1864 ⁹	
	Spouse:	Anders Kristian Tollefsen	

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Anders Olsen Næss and Edel Andrea Iversdatter Family

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- 9 Aage Naess info, 2000; 1865 census (Larvik).

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Knud Nirissen/Nerissen and Karen Olsdatter Family

Husband: Knud "Nerissen" Nirissen

Birth: Aug 08, 1821 in Gulset, Gjerpen Parish, Bratsberg County, Norway¹
 Marriage: Jun 14, 1863 in Solum, Telemark, Norway²
 Father: Niri Knudsen
 Mother: Anne Karine Mathiasdatter
 Other Spouses: Olea "Oline Nielsdatter" Nilsdatter (Feb 05, 1854 in Stavern, Vestfold, Norway)^[2]



Wife: Karen "Fantenberg" Olsdatter

Birth: 1830 in Solum Parish, Bratsberg County, Norway⁵
 Father: Ole Halversen³
 Mother: Gunnild Eivindsdatter "Gunild Evensdatter" Bjornvedt⁴
 Other Spouses: Halvor Halvorsen

Children:

1 Name: Karen Olea "Knudsdatter/Fantenberg" Knudsen
 F Birth: Oct 22, 1862 in Gjerpen Parish, Telemark County (formerly Bratsberg), Norway⁶
 Marriage: Aug 10, 1884 in Larvik, Vestfold, Norway
 Death: Oct 10, 1945 in Skotfoss pr. Skien, Norway
 Burial: Oct. 15, 1945
 Spouse: Edvard Andersen Næss

2 Name: Hanna Caroline Knudsdatter
 F Birth: Sep 05, 1854 in Solum Parish, Norway⁷



Sources:

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- 4 Karen's confirmation record; Family Tree.
- 5 Confirmation record.
- 6 Bible--saw 1984
- 7 Parish register.

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Ole Larsen and Anne Kirstine Hansdatter Næss Family

Husband:		Ole Larsen Næss
	Birth:	1796 in Fjære Norway; Ludal u ¹
	Marriage:	1819 ¹
	Death:	1882 in Hedrum, Vestfold Co., Norway; Naess Farm 81-9, Kvelde ¹
	Father:	
	Mother:	
Wife:		Anne Kirstine Hansdatter Næss
	Birth:	1788 in Hedrum, Vestfold Co., Norway; Naess Farm 81-9, Kvelde ¹
	Death:	1874 in Hedrum, Vestfold Co., Norway; Naess Farm 81-9, Kvelde ¹
	Father:	Hans Isaksen Nes
	Mother:	Farmen Anne Kristensdatter
Children:		
1 M	Name:	Lars Olsen Næss
	Birth:	1819
	Marriage:	1849 ²
	Death:	1911
	Spouse:	Berthe Engebretsdatter Holm
	Other Spouses:	Johanne Marie Henriksdatter (1862)
2 F	Name:	Helene Olsdatter Næss
	Birth:	Oct 03, 1821 ³
	Death:	Dec 25, 1909 ³
	Spouse:	Roed Jacob Mathisen ⁴
3 M	Name:	Anders Olsen Næss
	Birth:	1824 in Ness, 81-9, Hedrum, Vestfold, Norway ⁵
	Marriage:	1845 in Norway ¹
	Spouse:	Edel Andrea Iversdatter Sundby Østre ¹
4 M	Name:	Bergene Kristen Olsen Næss
	Birth:	1827 in Nes, Hedrum, Norway ¹
	Death:	1888 in Bergan Øvre, 76-7, Hedrum, Vestfold, Norway ⁶
	Spouse:	Bergene Kristine Elisabeth Hansdatter
5 M	Name:	Bernt Olsen Næss
	Birth:	Mar 16, 1830 in Bruk 4 ⁷
	Death:	Mar 15, 1915 ⁸
	Spouse:	Maren Andrea Olsdatter



Sources:

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- 3 Info from Aage Næss, 4/22/2000.
- 4 FamilySearch.org.
- 5 Hedrum i Vestfold; [db] [sc] Krohn-Holum, J.W.: Hedrum bygdebok. Larvik [Hedrum kommun]: 1978. Bd. II and III, per Elise Skalwold, 11/12/99; 1865 cens.
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Sources: (con't)

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- 8 Naess reunion info.

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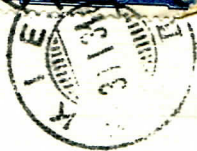
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Amerika



Skatfoss Norway 29-1-31

Dear Margareth:

I thank you so much for your dear letter. I was very glad to hear from you. I'm glad to hear you are all right. and that you are getting along so fine at school. I hope you got those five ^{krone} ~~dollar~~ I sent in Alex letter for you. I wanted you to buy you what ever you need. Will you please write me a letter again. you write such good letters. I'm happy to think you are with your sister. and I suppose you just have the dear little baby. and I'm sure you like to be aunt. don't you. Grandmother is not well. I be sending five dollar to Mabel soon send it to Alex ^{for} her. Love to all from
Grandmother and Grandfather

Now we are waiting for a letter from Olea you know she is Grandmother's girl. ~~to~~ Tell her to write please.

Best of love
from Einar Barghild.

Grandmother send 10 dollar to Margareth and Olea Buy something you need. Write please when you get it.



God Jul



önskes av

Har f. l. som kan og skal
lyære Irene du kan Tro at
Bestemama og Bestepapa er glade
for at vi fik brev fra din
Mamma for du vet at vi
er saa glade i hende nu ma
du skrive lit til Norge for
vi kan faa det lest saa onsker
vi dig en god Fristnes rejse
hilsen fra Bestemamma og
Bestepapa hils Mamma
Kan du lide Skolea skriv lit om

draut her

God Jul

This is a Christmas card from Olea Næss (Skotfoss, Telemark, Norway) to her granddaughter, Irene Barrows, in Amberg, Wisconsin, possibly in 1932. The girls pop up when you pull out the "onskes av" card.

Message written on back of card in Norwegian (thanks to Dennis Haarsager and Sigurd Meldal for helping me with this translation)

Merry Christmas
Greetings from

Has Floren only one child?

Dear Irene, you may trust that Bestemama and Bestepapa are happy that we got a letter from your Mamma for you know that we love her so. Now you must write that to Norway so that we can get it read. So we wish you a good Christmas. Loving greetings from Bestemama and Bestepapa. Greet Mama and Papa. Olea

If you find time, please write us. (Or, "if you have experiences, write about it.")

T NORSK
BEID



STATT NORSK
ARBEID



Frk. Margaret Barrows
1525 E. Marguerite Road
Chicago Ill.
M. S. A.

u. Haess-Skattas fr. Skien

høge

Shatfars 2nd June 1935.

Dear Margaret

Now you may be so kind as to answer me. as we do not hear anything from your mamma. If she is ill, so that she cannot write so perhaps your father would do it so we could hear how it is getting on with them all. We are afraid of your mother being quite broken in body and mind in these bad times. Since Christmas we have sent money and 2 letters to Imberg but we have nothing heard from them. Tea Kelo sent 20 dollars and a package at Christmas, but she has not heard anything. Do they not live any longer in Imberg. I have written 2 letters to Florence Dill and sent her 10-kr of 18 Skurs, but she do not answer. In April we sent 10. dollars to sister Florence and asked her to buy something and send it to Imberg, but we got no answer. They have perhaps moved and that we of that reason use a wrong adress. Will you go to her and ask for the things we have sent, perhaps she has not got them.

Will you now be so good as to write to us and tell the truth, you can tell me all as the man, to whom shall translate the letter for me being a good person that says nothing.

I should written to you before but I have
been so bad in my head. In January we send
you a cloth, have you got it.

I beg you now kindly to write to me and
to bring my loves to Olea, Clarence and Florence

from
With many loves to you
Grandfather and Grandmother.

Stockport 12/8-45.

Dear Florence

Thousands of thanks for your cards of June 7, which I have all received. I am so glad to hear that you are well all of you. I congratulate you as mamma once again. You now have got another soldier to fight for America. But I heartily wish that he will not live so long as to see another war. We have had quite enough of war now.

According to your cards your family has taken great parts in the war. But I hope they shall all return healthy and unhurt to their homes. (They are got good news; Japan will give in!) and peace is not far away!

You understand that I am still alive, though things might have been better. I think you know that Edward died in December 1943. - He was so kind to me. It was all happiness the time he lived. I miss him so immensely. - An hard illness threw me to bed last year, and I have been lying there for many months. But now I am up again, and am doing well. But an organic disease of the heart makes me much trouble all the time.

I have no economical troubles. The loneliness is worse than all. I wish that one of you could come to me here in Norway, and stand here until I am gone. Please, try to do that!

Therese can't ask Elise whether she
can't write to me, and tell me how
she is doing. It is so ~~easy~~ to get
letters in norwegian from America.

Tell her that she
has got a lot of money in the bank
here in Norway. Together with the things
I leave when I die she will get them
after I am gone.

The war has been
a hard and stormy time. Especially
for old people was it very difficult
and trouble-ous to endure the psy-
chical pressure. Food was often, and
still is, scant and bad. However,
the restrictions and bondage was
the worst of all. And the germans
did not care about old people, because
they could not work for them and help
them to win (or to loose) the war.
Therefore we were put upon smaller
rationes than young people.

Now I hope to
receive long letters from all of
you - and perhaps - a visit. That
would be so ~~good~~ ^{great}.

Thousands of affection-
greetings and loves to all of you from
yours
Grandmother. The one who writes
after the dictate of Olea (in norwegian).

Skotfoss 10/8--45

Dear Florence!

Thousands of thanks for your cards of June 7 which I have all received. I am so glad to hear that you are well all of you. I congratulate you as a mamma once again. You now have got another soldier to fight for America. But I heartily wish that he will not live so long as to see another war. We have had quite enough of war now.

According to your cards your family has taken great part in the war. But I hope they shall all return healthy and unhurt to their homes. (Today we got good news: Japan will give in!) And peace is not far away!

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Florence, dear! Ask Elise whether she can't write to me, and tell me how she is doing. It is so funny to get letters in Norwegian from America.

Tell her that she has got a lot of money in the bank here in Norway. Together with the things I leave when I die she will get them after I am gone.

The war has been a hard and sharing time. Especially for old people was it very difficult and troublesome to endure the psysical (sic) pressure. Food was often, and still is, scarce and bad. However, the restrictions and bondage was the worst of all. And the Germans did not care about old people, because they could not work for them and help them to win (or to lose) the war. Therefore we were put upon smaller rations than young people.

Now I hope to receive long letters from all of you--and perhaps--a visit. That would be so snug.

Thousands of affectionate greetings and loves to all of you from your

Grandmama

The one who writes this is student (name) after the dictates of Olea (in Norwegian).